

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 17th 2007

2 Metre Spring Counties Contest Results

The winner of the High Power portable section in the Spring Counties Contest was EI2SBC/P and the High Power Outside EI section went to MI0CLP/P.

The Low Power Portable section was won by EI4HX/P.

The High Power Fixed section was won by EI2JD and the outside EI category went to GI4SRQ.

EI3ENB won the low power fixed section while the outside EI section of this category went to MI3IYA (Now 2I0BIW).

The FM Only section was won by EI7GY/P.

Thanks go to all stations who took part, and congratulations to all the award winners. The next contest to look forward to is the UHF/VHF field day on the first weekend of July.

AFRI 75 DXpedition QSL Update

The QSL Manager of the recent Swaziland DXpedition, Peter EI7CC, reports that over the past few weeks QSL cards in respect of over 1000 QSOs have been sent to those who requested a direct QSL. The remaining 200 or so requests should be dealt with in the coming week.

QSLs for those EI stations who have not QSLed direct will be sent via the bureau.

Hong Kong Special Prefix

Approval has been granted for the use of the Special Prefix "VR10" in addition to "VR2" for Hong Kong Radio Amateurs starting from the 1st of July 2007 to the 30th of June 2008 for the 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with China.

More details are available in the OFTA letter for Hong Kong Radio Amateurs, which can be found at www.ofta.gov.hk/en/amateur/ama-cir200706.pdf

HARTS is also going to use the special callsign "VR10HK" as HARTS HQ Station especially during the IARU HF Contest (14-15/7/2007).

For further information, please contact the Award and Contest Manager VR2XNG (Dawood Ng) through email at "excom2007 at harts dot org dot hk".

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The date of the next theory revision class will take place this coming Tuesday the 19th of June at 7.30 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford.

The next general meeting will take place on Monday the 26th of June at 8.00 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford.

Comeragh Cycle Race

The national under 23 road racing championship will take place in Waterford on the 1st of July. Richie EI9HR is event Co-ordinator and he is being assisted by John EI8JA. This year's race will be on a greater scale with over 160 riders taking part. The Civil Defence have come on board this year to help with marshalling and RTE will be filming the event.

AREN will provide the communications for safe traffic management and accident reporting. There will be more radio reporting points and mobile stations than last year so more radio operators are required. Again newcomers are welcome and training will be provided on the morning of the race. This is an excellent opportunity for operators to put their radio skills to good use in a very enjoyable and rewarding way for the benefit of the Community. All operators irrespective of experience are welcome.

Please contact Richie on mobile 085-1465465 or evenings on 051-854315. You can also contact Richie by e-mail at "ei9hr at yahoo dot com".

Rallies

Bangor & District Amateur Radio Society Rally will take place on Sunday the 17th of June in the Crawfordsburn Country Park, Helen's Bay, Co. Down. The Cork Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday the 23rd of September in the Blarney Park Hotel, Blarney, Co. Cork, the Waterford Rally will take place on the 21st of October 2007 in the Woodlands Hotel, Waterford and the Mayo Radio Rally will be on Sunday

the 18th of November in the Belmont Hotel, Knock, Co. Mayo.

A full listing of upcoming rallies is available on www.irts.ie

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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